

WAR'S END

HOSTILITIES HAVE CEASED. WITH THE SIGNING OF THE SURRENDER DOCUMENTS, THE WAR WILL BE OFFICIALLY ENDED. WHEN WAR WAS DECLARED AFTER THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, I WAS IN COMMAND OF A SHIP IN THE CARIBBEAN. AS THE WAR ENDS, I AM PROUD TO BE SHIPMATES WITH YOU IN THE PACIFIC. SOME HAVE SERVED IN THE ATLANTIC, SOME IN THE PACIFIC. WHEREVER WE HAVE SERVED WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL. WITH THE TERMINATION OF HOSTILITIES, THERE COMES THE REALIZATION THAT WE HAVE RETAINED THE WAY OF LIFE FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE RETAINED THE SIMPLE PRIVILEGES THAT GO TO MAKE HAPPINESS FOR OUR FAMILIES AND OURSELVES. THE PRIVILEGE OF LISTENING TO A RADIO WHEN WE PLEASE, READING ANY BOOK WE CHOOSE, SEEING A MOVIE OF OUR CHOICE, CHOOSING OUR RELIGION AND OUR LIFE WORK ALL SEEM SIMPLE ENOUGH BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN SUCH PRIVILEGES FOR GRANTED. NOW, MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME, WE SHOULD SOBERLY TAKE STOCK OF THE GREAT INHERITANCE WHICH WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED AT NO SMALL COST.

THE WAR HAS BEEN BITTER. WE HAVE LOST FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR A GREAT CAUSE. THEY HAVE PASSED TO US A RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE WILLINGLY ACCEPT. IT IS OUR DUTY TO DISCHARGE THAT RESPONSIBILITY BY CONTINUED HIGH PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHEREVER WE SERVE.

OUR NAVY IS THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD. YOU HAVE HAD A SHARE IN MAKING IT GREAT AND IN ESTABLISHING A GLORIOUS TRADITION TO GUARD AND CHERISH DURING OUR LIFETIME AND TO PASS ON TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW.

THIS IS A TIME FOR REJOICING. WE, IN THIS SHIP, SIDE BY SIDE, WITH MILLIONS OF OTHERS, FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE, TOLERANCE AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE, HAVE GIVEN THE WORLD A PEACE WHICH WE PRAY WITH GOD'S BLESSING WILL BE EVERLASTING.

E.D. GRAVES, JR.
CAPTAIN, U.S. NAVY,
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V-J DAY YET TO BE PROCLAIMED OFFICIALLY BUT WORLD-

WIDE REJOICING IS KEYNOTE AS JAP SURRENDER IS FACT

(UNDATED) -- THE SECOND WORLD WAR - HISTORY'S GREATEST FLOOD OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION - ENDED TUESDAY NIGHT (WASHINGTON TIME) WITH JAPAN'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

THE FORMALITIES STILL REMAIN. THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF SURRENDER TERMS AND THE PROCLAMATION OF V-J DAY. BUT FROM THE MOMENT PRESIDENT TRUMAN ANNOUNCED AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, EASTERN WAR TIME, TUESDAY, THAT THE ENEMY OF THE PACIFIC HAD AGREED TO ALLIED TERMS, THE WORLD PUT ASIDE FOR A TIME THE WOEFUL THOUGHTS OF COST IN DEAD AND DOLLARS AND CELEBRATED IN A WILD FRENZY.

FORMALITIES MEANT NOTHING TO A PEOPLE AT LAST FREED FROM WAR.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN CALLED REPORTERS INTO THE WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND TOLD THEM THAT JAPAN, WITHOUT EVER BEING INVADED, HAD ACCEPTED COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION THE ALLIED POTSDAM ULTIMATUM DICTATING UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

THE PRESIDENT SAID GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HAD BEEN DESIGNATED THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER TO RECEIVE THE JAPANESE SURRENDER.

THERE IS TO BE NO POWER FOR THE JAPANESE EMPEROR, ALTHOUGH THE ALLIES WILL LET HIM REMAIN AS THEIR TOOL. JAP WAR LORDS WILL NO LONGER RULE THROUGH EMPEROR HIROHITO. HE OR HIS SUCCESSOR WILL TAKE ORDERS FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR.

ALLIED FORCES WERE ORDERED TO SUSPEND OFFENSIVE ACTION EVERYWHERE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JAP SURRENDER ENDED A HECTIC EIGHTEEN HOURS IN THE UNITED STATES. A JAP RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT MONDAY NIGHT THAT ALLIED SURRENDER TERMS WERE TO BE ACCEPTED SET OFF WILD BUT PREMATURE CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, HOURS PASSED AND NO FORMAL REPLY FROM THE JAP GOVERNMENT REACHED WASHINGTON.

THE MESSAGE, ROUTED THROUGH NEUTRAL SWITZERLAND, FINALLY REACHED WASHINGTON LATE TUESDAY AND THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

NEWS OF THE WAR'S END WAS ANNOUNCED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN LONDON, MOSCOW AND CHUNGKING.

CHAIN OF EVENTS SET IN MOTION

THE SURRENDER ANNOUNCEMENT SET IN MOTION A WHOLE CHAIN OF EVENTS. THESE WERE:

TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH ONCE HAD BOASTED IT WOULD DICTATE THE PEACE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, MR. TRUMAN DISPATCHED ORDERS "TO DIRECT PROMPT CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES," TO TELL GENERAL MACARTHUR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND HOUR, AND TO SEND EMISSARIES TO THE GENERAL TO ARRANGE FORMAL SURRENDER.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS, COUPLED WITH FAR-REACHING REACTIONS ON THE HOME FRONT, CAPPED A WEEK PACKED WITH SOME OF HISTORY'S MOST STUNNING NEWS - THE ATOMIC BOMB, RUSSIA'S DECLARATION OF WAR, JAPAN'S OFFER TO SURRENDER AND THE ALLIED SURRENDER TERMS WHICH STRESSED THAT HIROHITO WOULD HAVE TO TAKE HIS ORDERS FROM AN ALLIED SUPREME COMMANDER.

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HOW THE EMPEROR BROKE THE NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO -- THE TEXT OF EMPEROR HIROHITO'S BROADCAST TO THE JAPANESE NATION, IN WHICH HE INFORMED THEM OF JAPAN'S DECISION TO ACCEPT ALLIED SURRENDER TERMS, WAS RECORDED BY THE UNITED PRESS AS FOLLOWS: (EXCERPTS)

"TO OUR GOOD AND LOYAL SUBJECTS --

"AFTER PONDERING DAILY THE GENERAL TRENDS OF THE WAR AND THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN OUR EMPIRE TODAY, WE HAVE DECIDED TO EFFECT A SETTLEMENT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION BY RESORTING TO AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEASURE.

"WE HAVE ORDERED OUR GOVERNMENT TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, CHINA, AND RUSSIA THAT OUR EMPIRE ACCEPTS THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR JOINT DECLARATION.

"TO STRIVE FOR THE COMMON PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS OF ALL NATIONS AS WELL AS THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR SUBJECTS IS THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION WHICH HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN BY OUR IMPERIAL ANCESTORS AND WHICH WE LAY CLOSE TO.

"INDEED, WE DECLARED WAR ON AMERICA AND BRITAIN OUT OF OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO ENSURE JAPAN'S LIFE, PRESERVATION AND THE STABILIZATION OF EAST ASIA, IT BEING FAR FROM OUR THOUGHTS TO INFRINGE UPON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER NATIONS OR TO EMBARK UPON TERRITORIAL GAINS.

"BUT NOW THE WAR HAS LASTED NEARLY FOUR YEARS. DESPITE THE BEST THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY EVERYONE -- THE GALLANT FIGHTING OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES, THE DILIGENCE..... OF OUR SERVANTS OF THE STATE, AND THE DEVOTION EVIDENCED BY OUR ONE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE -- THE WAR HAS NOT DEVELOPED NECESSARILY TO JAPAN'S ADVANTAGE WHILE THE GENERAL TRENDS OF THE WORLD HAVE ALL TAKEN AGAINST HER INTEREST.

"THE ENEMY HAS BEGUN TO EMPLOY A NEW AND MOST CRUEL BOMB, THE POWER OF WHICH TO DO DAMAGE IS INDEED INCALCULABLE, TAKING THE TOLL OF MANY INNOCENT LIVES. SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT, IT WOULD NOT ONLY RESULT IN AN ULTIMATE COLLAPSE AND OBLITERATION OF THE JAPANESE NATION, BUT IT WOULD LEAD TO THE TOTAL EXTERMINATION OF HUMANITY..... THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE HAVE ORDERED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE POWERS.....

"THE HARDSHIPS AND SUFFERINGS TO WHICH OUR NATION IS TO BE SUBJECTED HEREAFTER WILL CERTAINLY BE GREAT. WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE INNERMOST FEELINGS OF ALL OF OUR SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, IT IS ACCORDING TO....FATE THAT WE HAVE RESOLVED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A GRAND PEACE FOR ALL THE GENERATIONS TO COME BY ENDURING THE (UNENDURABLE) AND SUFFERING WHAT IS INSUFFERABLE."

AND NOW -- HIS NEW ROLE

SAN FRANCISCO -- EMPEROR HIROHITO'S ROLE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ALLIES REPLY TO JAPAN'S SURRENDER PLEA REQUIRES THE EMPEROR TO "AUTHORIZE AND INSURE" SIGNATURES OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND JAPANESE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS FOR CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF THE POTSDAM ULTIMATUM.

THE ALLIES COMMUNICATION ALSO SAID THE EMPEROR MUST "ISSUE SUCH OTHER ORDERS AS THE SUPREME COMMANDER MAY REQUIRE TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE SURRENDER TERMS."

UNDER THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES, HIROHITO WILL BE DIRECTED TO CARRY OUT HIS "PREROGATIVES" BOTH FOR THE ACTUAL SURRENDER AND IN HELPING TO STABILIZE POST-WAR JAPAN.

FIRST SUICIDE REPORTED

SAN FRANCISCO -- THE JAPANESE WAR MINISTER, KORECHIKU ANAMI, HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE, ACCORDING TO A DOMEI AGENCY BROADCAST.

THE FCC RECORDING OF THE BROADCAST SAID HE TOOK HIS LIFE AT HIS "OFFICIAL RESIDENCE" TO "ATONE FOR HIS FAILURE IN ACCOMPLISHING HIS DUTIES AS HIS MAJESTY'S MINISTER."

REJOICING IS KEYNOTE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

THE SURRENDER CAME AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN CARRIER PLANES OF THE MIGHTY PACIFIC FLEET WERE ONLY A FEW SECONDS FROM TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA.

THE END OF COMBAT CAME IN ALMOST HOLLYWOOD FASHION. AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY CORRESPONDENT NORMAN PAGE RADIOED THIS INFORMATION FROM THE FLAGSHIP.

AMERICAN AIRMEN HEARD THESE WORDS OF ADMIRAL HALSEY: "IT LOOKS LIKE THE WAR IS OVER. CEASE FIRING, BUT IF YOU SEE ANY ENEMY PLANES IN THE AIR, SHOOT THEM DOWN IN A FRIENDLY FASHION."

THE PILOTS JETTISONED THEIR BOMBS OVER THE WATER AND RETURNED TO THE CARRIERS.

BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND CHINA AGREED WITH THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT THE JAP SURRENDER NOTE WITHOUT EVER SEEING IT. THE AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT VERBALLY BY SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES IN A WORLD-WIDE TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PENTAGON BUILDING LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

HE TOLD THEM OF THE REPORT ON THE ENEMY MESSAGE AND ASSURED OTHER ALLIED NATIONS HE CONSIDERED THE JAP NOTE TO BE COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF THE POTSDAM ULTIMATUM.

THEY AGREED AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CAME FROM ALL FOUR ALLIED CAPITALS AT THE SAME TIME.

THE JAPANESE SURRENDER CAME JUST THREE YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS AND SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR. JAPAN HAD PAID THE FULL PENALTY FOR THE TREACHERY WHICH PLUNGED THE UNITED STATES INTO A TWO-FRONT WAR WHICH WAS THE COSTLIEST AND BLOODIEST CONFLICT IN ALL HUMAN HISTORY.

THE CONFLICT COST THE UNITED STATES IN BLOOD AND TREASURE MORE THAN ONE MILLION CASUALTIES AND THREE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS. THE COST TO THE WORLD WAS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN FIFTY-FIVE MILLION CASUALTIES AND ONE TRILLION DOLLARS IN MONEY, MATERIAL AND RESOURCES.

FOR JAPAN IT MEANT AN END OF SAVE CONQUEST AND AGGRESSION, DISMEMBERMENT OF AN EMPIRE WON BY BLOOD-SPILLING AND DISARMAMENT AND OCCUPATION BY ALLIED POWERS.

ONCE JAP HOLDINGS HAD STRETCHED FROM ATTU TO TIMOR AND FROM JAVA TO INDIA. ONCE JAPAN HAD KEPT A HALF BILLION PEOPLE ENSLAVED UNDER AN IRON RULE AND THREATENED TO ENFOLD ANOTHER HALF BILLION. NOW SHE IS DEFEATED, WITHOUT INVALION, BUT AT A TERRIFIC COST.

WAR HORROR FORGOTTEN IN JOY OF PEACE

FOR THE MOMENT ALL THE WORLD FORGOT THE HORRORS OF THE CONFLICT WHICH HAD ITS SEEDS IN JAPAN'S GRAB OF MANCHURIA IN 1931.

FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO AND FROM CHICAGO TO NEW ORLEANS, SCREAMING, WHOOPING THROGS LET OFF STEAM IN JOYOUS CELEBRATION.

THE REJOICING WAS UNDIMINISHED FOR ALL THAT IT HAD BEEN STARTED AND BEEN CHECKED REPEATEDLY SINCE LAST FRIDAY WHEN THE JAPS MADE THEIR FIRST SURRENDER OFFER.

COUNTLESS THOUSANDS THROGGED THE STREETS OF THE NATION BUT OTHER THOUSANDS PACKED THE NATION'S CHURCHES TO OFFER PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING THAT PEACE HAD COME.

IN KEEPING WITH THE PEACE NEWS THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION TERMINATED ALL MANPOWER CONTROLS. CONGRESS WAS SUMMONED BACK TO WORK ON SEPTEMBER FIFTH, MORE THAN A MONTH AHEAD OF SCHEDULE TO GET BUSY ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, FULL EMPLOYMENT GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, AND CONTINUATION OR ABOLITION OF WAR AGENCIES. THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP SAID IT WAS GETTING READY TO FOLD UP. NEWS, RADIO AND MAIL CENSORSHIP IS DUE TO END WHEN V-J DAY IS OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED. SHORT LIVES WERE PREDICTED FOR THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION AND THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD AND WAR LABOR BOARD CHAIRM. GEORGE TAYLOR PREDICTED THERE WOULD BE NO STRIKE EPIDEMIC.

THOSE WERE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ON ANY OTHER DAY WOULD HAVE COMMANDED SMASH HEADLINES.

REACTIONS TO JAPANESE SURRENDER

(UNDATED) -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JAPANESE SURRENDER WAS HERALDED FAR AND WIDE BY WORLD PROMINENT PERSONAGES. FOLLOWING IS A ROUND-UP OF SOME OF THE UTTERANCES:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, IN WASHINGTON:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN APPEARED ON THE PORTICO OF THE WHITE HOUSE LAST NIGHT, FOLLOWING THE SURRENDER ANNOUNCEMENT AND, IN AN EXTEMPORANEOUS ADDRESS HERALDED THE END OF NAZISM AND FASCISM.

"THIS IS THE DAY WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SINCE DECEMBER, 1941. THIS IS THE DAY WHEN FASCISM AND NAZISM AND POLICE GOVERNMENT CEASES IN THE WORLD," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

ADMIRAL HALSEY, ABOARD HIS FLAGSHIP:

ADMIRAL HALSEY YESTERDAY BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO HIS THIRD FLEET OFF THE SHORES OF JAPAN. HE TOLD HIS MEN THAT IN 1942 HE HAD REMARKED THAT "THE NIPS ARE NO SUPERMEN" AND THAT FLEET OFFICERS AND MEN "HAVE HELPED WRITE THE FINISH ON THAT ESTIMATE IN 1945."

HALSEY WARNED THAT THERE MUST BE NO LET-DOWN NOW THAT THE FIGHTING HAS ENDED AND ADDED "THERE MUST BE WATCHFUL WAITING."

"VICTORY IS NOT THE END BUT THE BEGINNING. WE MUST ESTABLISH PEACE - FIRM, JUST AND AN ENDURING PEACE," HE CONCLUDED.

GENERAL MACARTHUR, IN MANILA:

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID "I THANK A MERCIFUL GOD THAT THIS MIGHTY STRUGGLE IS ABOUT TO END" WHEN HE WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THE JAP SURRENDER AND HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER OF OCCUPATION FORCES.

"THE MAGNIFICENT MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT SO NOBLY TO VICTORY CAN NO RETURN HOME, IN DUE COURSE, AND RESUME THEIR CIVIL PURSUITS. THEY HAVE BEEN GOOD SOLDIERS IN WAR. MAY THEY BE EQUALLY GOOD CITIZENS IN PEACE," HE ADDED.

PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE, IN LONDON:

PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE, ANNOUNCING THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF JAPAN IN A RADIO BROADCAST, PROCLAIMED WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK AS NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.

ATTLEE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH FIGHTING FORCES AND ALSO TO THE "UNITED STATES WITHOUT WHOSE EFFORTS THIS WAR IN THE EAST WOULD STILL HAVE MANY YEARS TO RUN."

SENATOR CONNALLY, IN WASHINGTON:

SENATOR TOM CONNALLY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"OUR CRUEL AND SAVAGE ENEMY, JAPAN, HAS BEEN CONQUERED. SHE MUST BE STRIPPED OF HER UNIFORM AND HER BARBARIC FIGURE EXPOSED TO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE WORLD.

"NO LONGER CAN HER TREACHERY DROP ANOTHER BOMB ON PEARL HARBOR.

"WE MAY NOW BRING BACK THE BOYS FROM THE JUNGLES AND THE FOXHOLES AND RESTORE THEM TO THEIR HOMES."

ADMIRAL ROYAL INGERSOLL, IN SAN FRANCISCO:

ADMIRAL ROYAL INGERSOLL, COMMANDER OF THE WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, INJECTED A NOTE OF TEMPERANCE INTO THE JUBILANT AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF THE END OF THE JAPANESE WAR.

"I FEEL IT IS MY DUTY," THE ADMIRAL SAID, "TO SAY THAT WHILE THE WAR IS OVER MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE.

"THIS IS INDEED A GLORIOUS AND SOLEMN HOUR. ONCE AGAIN THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN DECENCY HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"THE FACT THAT THE VICTORY HAS COME WITH UNEXPECTED SUDDENESS*** SHOULD MAKE US GRATEFUL THAT MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN SPARED WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED."

NAVY REVEALS LOSS OF INDIANAPOLIS

WASHINGTON -- THE U.S. HEAVY CRUISER INDIANAPOLIS WAS LOST IN A RECENT PHILIPPINES SEA ACTION WITH 100 PERCENT CASUALTIES TO HER COMPLEMENT, TOTALLING 1,196 OFFICERS AND MEN.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FAMOUS VESSEL WAS LOST SHORTLY AFTER COMPLETION OF HER LAST MISSION - SAILING FROM SANFRANCISCO ON THE 16TH OF JULY ON A HIGH-SPEED RUN TO GUAM TO DELIVER ESSENTIAL ATOMIC BOMB MATERIAL.

SHE DELIVERED HER PRECIOUS CARGO PRIOR TO THE DISASTER.

THE INDIANAPOLIS' CASUALTIES PLACED HER NEAR THE TOP IN THE WEIGHT OF LOSSES SUFFERED BY A SINGLE VESSEL IN THIS WAR. THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER FRANKLIN-SUFFERED 341 DEAD, 431 MISSING AND MORE THAN 300 WOUNDED. THE BATTLESHIP ARIZONA, WITH A TOTAL OF 1,104 OFFICERS AND MEN LOST IN THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK, LEADS THE LIST IN PERSONNEL KILLED.

THE INDIANAPOLIS, WHICH WAS TRADITIONALLY THE FLAGSHIP OF THE POWERFUL FIFTH FLEET HAD BEEN AT MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD FOR REPAIRS JUST BEFORE HER LAST RUN. SHE HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY A JAP SUICIDE PLANE OFF OKINAWA ON MARCH 31, 1945.

ADMIRAL RAYMOND A. SPRUANCE WAS ABOARD AT THE TIME OF THE SUICIDE ATTACK BUT ESCAPED INJURY. THE SKIPPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS WAS CAPTAIN CHARLES B. MC VAY, WHO IS LISTED AS WOUNDED. --

EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE MEN WERE LISTED AS KILLED, 315 AS WOUNDED AND THE REMAINDER MISSING, IN THE NAVY DEPARTMENT REPORT.

NAVY CANCELS MANY CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON -- THE NAVY LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION OF ALMOST SIX BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PRIME CONTRACTS.

THE CUT-BACK CAME ON TOP OF ANOTHER CONTRACT CANCELLATION OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN NAVY CONTRACTS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY.

THE NAVY SAID THE CANCELLATIONS WERE MADE TO ALIGN PRODUCTION WITH POST-WAR NAVY NEEDS AND TO FREE MEN AND MATERIALS AND PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY TO TURN OUT CIVILIAN GOODS.

AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR PRODUCTION WILL BE CUT BACK AS WELL AS SUCH ITEMS AS PROJECTILES, EXPLOSIVES, BOMBS, MINES, TORPEDOES AND OTHER ORDNANCE.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES SELECTIVE SERVICE

WASHINGTON -- PRESIDENT TRUMAN LAST NIGHT PREDICTED THAT FIVE MILLION TO FIVE AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN NOW IN THE ARMY MAY BE RETURNED TO CIVILIAN LIFE WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE TO 18 MONTHS.

IN ANNOUNCING JAPAN'S SURRENDER, THE PRESIDENT DISCLOSED THAT SELECTIVE SERVICE AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REDUCE INDUCTIONS INTO THE ARMED SERVICES FROM 80,000 TO 50,000 EACH MONTH. HENCEFORTH ONLY MEN UNDER 26 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE DRAFTED, MR. TRUMAN SAID.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IN JUSTICE TO MILLIONS OF MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN "LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE UNDER DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF THE PACIFIC WAR AND ELSEWHERE OVERSEAS, A CONSTANT FLOW OF REPLACEMENTS TO OCCUPATIONAL FORCES IS THOUGHT TO BE IMPERATIVE.

WASHINGTON -- A CRY FOR QUICK SUSPENSION OF THE DRAFT AND EARLY RELEASE OF MEN FROM THE ARMED FORCES ROSE IN VOLUME YESTERDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE OFFICIAL FIXING OF V-J DAY BECAME A MATTER OF VITAL CONCERN, NOT ONLY TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS AND OFFICIALS DEALING WITH THEM.

THE DATE AFFECTS NOT ONLY THE SERVICE LIABILITY OF MOST OF THOSE NOW IN UNIFORM BUT THE DURATION OF MANY CONTRACTS.

CHAIRMAN MAY OF THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IMMEDIATELY TO END ALL DRAFT CALLS AND ALSO WANTS DRAFTED MEN RELEASED AS SOON AS IT CAN BE DONE.

"OLD GLORY" WAVES AGAIN

CANADATIGUA, N.Y. -- THE AMERICAN FLAG WHICH WAS LOWERED FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO WHEN THE JAPS ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR WAS RAISED OVER THE ONTARIO COUNTY COURT HOUSE YESTERDAY. THE FLAG WAS BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES BY H. MERRILL BENNINGHOFF, SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY, WHEN HE RETURNED WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS IN 1942.

TOM HARMON DISCHARGED

FT. MACARTHUR, CALIF. -- CAPTAIN TOM HARMON, FORMER MICHIGAN ALL-AMERICA HALFBACK, LAST NIGHT RECEIVED HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY AIR FORCES AFTER NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

HARMON, HOLDER OF THE SILVER STAR AND THE PURPLE HEART, TWICE MADE HIS WAY BACK FROM MISSIONS OVER DUTCH GUINEA AND CHINA ON WHICH HE WAS REPORTED MISSING FOLLOWING CRASHES.

HE SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING RETURNING TO RADIO SPORTS ANNOUNCING.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES GIVEN HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON -- PRESIDENT TRUMAN YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN WASHINGTON AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF THE NATION WITH THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

"AS A TOKEN OF PUBLIC FEELING I HEREBY REQUEST ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BUREAUS THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT TO EXCUSE EMPLOYEES THEREOF FOR TOMORROW AND THURSDAY. ****ONLY SKELETON FORCES NEED BE MAINTAINED. I HOPE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENJOY THIS WELL-DESERVED THOUGH INADEQUATE HOLIDAY."

MARSHAL PETAIN FOUND GUILTY

PARIS -- THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO CAME AS ONE OF THE GREAT HEROES OF WORLD WAR ONE WAS BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A COURT IN FRANCE.

FRENCH MARSHAL HENRI PHILLIPPE PETAIN, HERO OF VERDUN, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF PLOTTING AGAINST THE INTERNAL SAFETY OF FRANCE WHILE HE WAS HEAD OF THE VICHY STATE.

AFTER FINDING THE 89-YEAR-OLD MARSHAL GUILTY AND CONFISCATING HIS PROPERTY, THE COURT DECLARED IT HOPED THE DEATH SENTENCE WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

THE RECOMMENDATION FOR CLEMENCY PROBABLY WILL BE CONSIDERED BY GENERAL DEGAULLE.

RUSSIANS, CHINESE SIGN TREATY

SAN FRANCISCO -- MOSCOW RADIO REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA HAD SIGNED A "TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE" AND DECLARED THAT "AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON ALL OTHER QUESTIONS."

THE BROADCAST SAID THAT THE TREATY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS REACHED WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY, AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE - NEW YORK 5, CINCINNATI 2; ST. LOUIS 2, BROOKLYN 1; PITTSBURGH 7, 6 - BOSTON 5, 2; PHILADELPHIA 2, CHICAGO 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE - ST. LOUIS 5, WASHINGTON 4; CLEVELAND 3, BOSTON 0. ALL OTHER GAMES POSTPONED.